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PRAISE

O Thou, whose bounty fills my cup
With every blessing meet!
I give Thee thanks for every drop—
The bitter and the sweet.

I praise Thee for the desert road,
And for the riverside;
For all Thy goodness hath bestowed,
And all Thy grace denied.

I thank Thee for both smile and frown,
And for the gain and loss;
I praise Thee for the future crown
And for the present cross.

I thank Thee for the wing of love
Which stirred my worldly nest;
And for the stormy clouds which drove
Me, trembling, to Thy breast.

I bless Thee for the glad increase,
And for the waning joy;
And for this strange, this settled peace,
Which nothing can destroy.

—Jane Crewdson.

"Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments,"
Psalm 119:164.

MINUTES
of the
37th Annual Assembly
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The information derived from the study of these Minutes is indispensable. Every minister and every church clerk should have a copy for reference. Laymen will know the Church better and understand its doctrines if they will also purchase a copy of the Minutes. Price single copy, 35c; 12 copies, \$3.75; 50 copies, \$12.50; 100 copies, \$23.00; 250 copies, \$55.00; 500 or more copies, 21c per copy. Order of the Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tenn.

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Someone who can teach singing and instrumental music. I have a good offer for the right person. Must be a Christian. Give reference.—Rev. W. R. Craven, Box 73, Belton, S. C.

A Note of Appreciation

I sincerely wish to express my deep

appreciation to the Publishing House force for the kindness they showed me during my four months in their service. I have found them to be among the best people I have ever worked with. They did their best to help me in every way they could. I wish especially to thank Marvin Golden for his patience and kind assistance to me while working in the Publishing House. I leave it with the hope that I will some day work there again.—Donald Brant, Orlando, Fla.

To the sailors, soldiers and defense workers in and around Richmond, Va., we extend to you a special invitation to attend the Church of God services at 44th and Decatur Streets, Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.; Sunday morning preaching, 11:00 o'clock, evangelistic service Sunday evening 8:00 p.m.; Y.P.E., Wednesday 8:00 p. m. Any one desiring my service, please call me. Phone 7-2569.—Rev. A. W. Brummett, pastor, South Richmond, Va.

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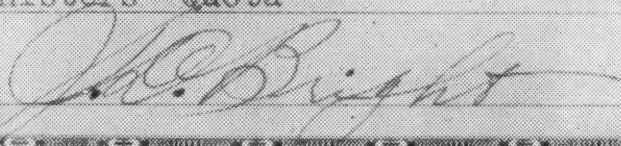
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For many years there has been an urgent and crying need for Sunday school class papers among our Sunday schools. In the four-page paper bearing the above title you will find exactly what the title itself suggests—a variety of writings studded with precious truths that any boy or girl can and will appreciate. It is entirely inexpensive for your Sunday school to have them. Do not overlook ordering these when ordering your Sunday school literature, so that your bright-faced boys and girls will have something to take home with them after the Sunday school hour is over. Have you never read wherein Jesus said, "Give ye them to eat"? Price per quarter, of thirteen issues, 10c.

CORRECTION

In advertising our 1943 calendars in the Evangel we listed the prices on 25 calendars at \$5.75 when it should have been \$6.00 and 50 calendars for \$9.00 and it should have been \$9.50. To those who have ordered at the above prices we will make the correction on your account.

CLEVELAND, TENN.		Sept. 30	1942	No. 10
MERCHANTS BANK 87-92				
PAY TO THE ORDER OF	The Church of God		\$ 538.20	
Five-hundred Thirty Eight and 20/100			DOLLARS	
For Tennessee's Aged Ministers' Quota				
				

TENNESSEE TAKES THE LEAD—First State This Year to Pay Aged Ministers' Quota. This facsimile represents the check to the Church of God in the amount of \$538.20, signed by Rev. J. D. Bright, overseer of Tennessee, for the aged ministers' quota for the entire state of Tennessee.

You will note that the check bears the date of September 30. The delay in not having it in the Evangel before this time was caused by not receiving the cut. Other states have paid their amounts in full by this time, but the credit still goes to Tennessee as leader.

Three cheers for Tennessee—one for the state overseer, one for the ministers, and one for the laity—for their loyalty to our worthy aged ministers.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

EXPLANATION: Through an oversight it has previously been reported that Louisiana was the first state to pay their aged ministers' quota, but after checking over this we find that the State of Tennessee was first to raise this quota this year.

Anchor of the Soul

F. W. Lemons

"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul," Heb. 6:19.

THE AUTHOR of Hebrews employs, in this text, the expressive metaphor of an anchor as the symbol of our hope. To those early Christians who first read this epistle it must have been indeed impressive, for hope was often symbolized, and vividly so, by the use of the anchor.

The soul has need of an anchor. The world is comparable to a stormy sea and every individual soul a separate craft on a voyage to the distant harbor, Heaven. The text suggests that the Christian is, throughout the entire voyage of life, exposed to manifold storms, which attack and imperil the soul, winds of doubt and doctrines designed to destroy or turn one from his course. In such experiences the inspired writer knew the progress of souls to be often retarded, but he had observed that there is plenteous grace for stormy weather, and that if we cannot make full speed ahead, at least we are provided with an anchor, sure and steadfast, which will hold our vessels securely.

According to our context he had also observed that some had "laid hold upon the hope set before us." Those who sought refuge had resolutely seized the anchor. It seems to me that laying hold upon our hope is not a trivial matter, but as important and desperate as the matter of casting anchor in time of dangerous storm at sea. The fate of the soul rests upon that anchor.

GOOD REASON

There is good reason why the soul should be anchored. The fact that the world is now in its greatest crisis, and that no one knows just what will be the outcome of this most diabolical of wars, is reason why every soul should "lay hold upon the hope set before us." The truth is, unfortunately, that many a soul will make shipwreck. Some will lose faith in God's providence and benevolence, give up to doubts, and despairingly question, "Why do these things happen to us?" They will lose hope. And when hope is lost our anchor is gone. Then, what is there to live for?

No one doubts today that political and economic seas are agitated and stormy, but there are many who, in spite of these facts, possess radiant hope. Despite gloomy surroundings the Christian should maintain a cheerful attitude because of the reality of his experience with God. "It is a good thing that the heart be established" (Heb. 13:9). "My heart is fixed," said the Psalmist. He was anchored. Strenuous times such as



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these will demonstrate whether we are truly anchored in Jesus. This is not the time for experimenting with modern religions of doubt. The world needs a religion that has been tried by the ages and that will give fortitude and security to the soul. The religion that will keep the soul intact and unsullied and bring it through the awful trials ahead of us with victory, is the kind the world needs. It is a religion of hope, not gloom. The times demand an anchor for the soul!

OUR ANCHOR HOLDS

Our anchor is sure and steadfast. It holds. It has been thoroughly tested and is as sure as the eternal God. It has been tested by the world's most reputable men, yea men of whom the world was not worthy. Their testimony without exception is that it holds. The apostles tried it. Paul gave it a most severe test. Through labors, scourgings, journeyings, a thousand perils, imprisonments and finally to Nero's block he went, but the anchor held. John tried it even at Patmos and he found it sure. Three millions of early martyrs gave it a final test, but this hope did not fail them. A million modern martyrs clung to it and it held as surely for them as it did for Stephen. Hallelujah for such a hope!

An anchor sure and steadfast is therefore a symbol of our security. While we do not accept the doctrine of eternal and unconditional security, we are not unmindful of our security in Jesus. We

do not live in mortal fear of falling or backsliding and being finally lost, as some have alleged concerning us. We rejoice with Jude that He is "able to keep us from falling" (Jude 24). And with Paul we can say, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Tim. 1:12). It is a fact that "we are kept by the power of God" (1 Pet. 1:5). That is something to rejoice about. Let us not underestimate the Christian's security. We often feel like opposing the popular doctrine of the "perseverance of the saints" or "eternal security," and justly so, but let us not become so extreme in our controversy that we undervalue what actually belongs to us. As long as we commit all to God, trusting wholly in Him, there is no power that can destroy us or move us from our course. Certainly no power outside of our own wills, for it is written, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:35-39). What greater security could anyone desire?

ASSURANCE

An unfailing anchor is cause for great assurance. Not only is there security, but we have assurance of it. It is one thing to be out of danger, but quite another thing to have perfect assurance of it. It is possible to be in a place of safety and yet suffer from fear, but it need not be so with us. We are informed that our anchor is sure and steadfast in order that we may be free from fear. Assurance means insurance. We fear no loss while we have such an anchor, and we carry no risk. "The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever" (Isa. 32:17). Thus we enjoy "full assurance of hope" (Heb. 6:11).

Is not the knowledge of such an anchor a source of comfort? That is why divine wisdom has given it to us, that

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Religion and the World

By the Editor

Dry Voters

The *National Prohibitionist* states that the gallop poll of public opinion, as of September 19, showed an additional gain of 2% in favor of prohibition. This brings the total national dry voting strength of the nation to 20,000,000. This is a powerful vote, however, it is weakened again and again by those who are dry in sentiment voting for wet candidates.

Converted Jews

According to Mark L. Mitchell, there are 28,000 converted Jews in the United States. He also reports that over 60% of the Christian churches do not support Jewish missions in any way. Only 10% actually and wholeheartedly support Jewish missions. "To The Jew First" seems to have lost its meaning.

The Nazi-Heydrich and the Church

The Orthodox Church of Czechoslovakia has been ordered dissolved, on charges of having sheltered those who were accused in the death of Heydrich. The church consisted of 73,000 persons, of which 10,000 were located in the Nazi protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia.

Bibles Rationed

Rationing of Bibles to organizations that distribute them in Puerto Rico, reports the American Bible Society, has become a necessity because of the demand. A story typifying this eagerness for the Word of God is told of a Puerto Rican given a Bible in a San Juan hospital. Upon leaving the hospital she was so eager to keep the Bible that she promised to buy it, no matter what it cost.—*The Protestant*.

Is War Murder?

A clear answer to that question is given in a new booklet, "Will America Win?" by Edward J. Jagt (25c). The author refers to the twofold authority given by God to government first, to take life and, second, to declare war. (Gen. 9:5, 6; Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:13, 14.) Many fail to distinguish between slaying in war time on the authority of government, and killing through personal animosity in time of peace. The writer gives examples of each from the Bible and concludes by pointing out that to call a soldier a murderer because he, like a policeman or a judge, takes life in protection of others, is to dishonor God's heroes of faith. In this connection read Heb. 11:32-34.—*Prophecy*.

Spain's Protestants Need Aid

Baptist ministers in Portugal have broadcast an appeal for aid for Spanish Protestants. Reports from Spain indicate that the religious situation there is very bad, "heretic" schools closed and many churches shut up and their membership barred from public aid. Non-Catholics are compelled to seek Catholic priests for the performance of the wedding ceremony. "Nevertheless," says "Vie Protestante," "the parish life in the few places where services can still be held, is more intense than ever before. One church which ordinarily had 80 communicants now reunited 160 at the Lord's table."

Movie Lust

"In one state training school for delinquent girls, twenty-five per cent conveyed that movies in a variety of ways were a direct contributing influence to their delinquency," says Mr. James Forman. The shocking frankness of these girls influenced by movie scenes should arouse every mother and father to the danger when boys and girls, and particularly the teen-age young people, see the love pictures that are so common. Notice these statements by sex delinquent girls as quoted in *Our Movie-Made Children*, by Henry James Forman: "Some of the girls frankly declare that a picture like 'The Pagan' rouses them to the pitch of jealousy of the heroine, to a desire to be loved like her. 'When I see a fellow and a girl in a passionate love scene, such as 'The Pagan,' I have a hot feeling go through me and I want to do everything bad.' When a girl really loves a fellow and he takes her to his house and makes her stay there with him, she gives in to his wants like in 'The Modern Maidens.' 'After I have seen a romantic love scene,' writes a fourteen-year-old, 'I feel as though I couldn't have just one fellow to love me, but I would like about five.' Murder, crime and sexual delinquencies by the multiplied thousands begin in the movies."

Kleberg and the Constitution

Speaking before the Senate, Mr. Kleberg said, "Mr. Speaker, the real reason that we have to such a degree realized our hopes and the hopes of mankind elsewhere has as its source the Maker of those beautiful trees which we see outdoors everywhere. The real reason that we earned the rights which we now enjoy under our Bill of Rights and organic law came as an accompanying grant from our common God, the Maker of all good and

perfect things. The Bill of Rights of the great State of Virginia and the Bill of Rights of England, its Magna Carta, likewise, are not to be placed to credit of any man or men but rather to that of the Ruler of the Universe, or common God. We deal in this Chamber, Mr. Speaker, if we never for a fleeting instant in these tragically charged days forget with the enactment of rules of conduct which affect the rights, the liberties and safety of God's creatures. The responsibilities which we feel and which are ours in these days are a test as to our competence to retain our God-granted American way of life. I feel that we have slipped here and there, as humans inevitably must. I feel that our feet have strayed at times through the result of appeals to which our prejudices rather than our reason have reacted. I feel that sometimes we have been too hasty, another common human error, and that we have failed to think things through." A beautiful acknowledgment of God as our helper and of our dependence upon Him. This kind of counsel in "high places" is safe.

Increase in Crime

On September 21 the Federal Bureau of Investigation issued a semi-annual crime report, which showed a decided increase in crime, particularly those crimes of violent nature. Negligent manslaughters were up 9.4%; rapes had increased 9.9%. Robbery, aggravated assaults and larcenies have also increased over the 1941 figures.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau, said in an address to the International Association of Chiefs of Police: "Com-

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God In Creation . .

J. C. JERNIGAN

The first verse of the Bible reads,
"In the beginning God created the
heaven and the earth."

THIS is the first line ever written about God. Before the beginning (if there were such a time) we know nothing. To discuss where God came from is foolish. As far back as anyone can go is found in the first four words of the Bible—"in the beginning God." As far as man knows, God has always been. He yet is and shall forever be. There is plenty about God and other things, too, that is not given unto man to know. Let us therefore not worry about the hidden mysteries of the unknown, and seek to know that which has been revealed.

The human mind is incapable of drawing even an undescribed mental picture of conditions that existed before the creation. There was no earth, no water, no air, no sun, no moon, no stars, no people, and as far as we know there was no space. No person would be physically or mentally able to begin to imagine such a condition, to say nothing about describing it. But there is one thing that we do know and that is, "in the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" and He completed the job in six days and rested on the seventh.

The meaning of the word "create," placing an extreme interpretation on it, would be "to make something out of nothing." This is exactly what God did in creating the heaven and the earth. Heaven here does not refer to the heaven where we think of going after death, but the firmament. God made the earth, the firmament, and the water out of nothing.

Another explanation of the word "create" would be more in terms that we are able to understand. It means "to make as a new product out of existing materials." This is the way God created vegetables and animals.

Two Forms of Life

God created two forms of life: 1. Vegetable life. 2. Animal life. Vegetable life was brought into existence by placing seed in the earth, causing grass, trees, and other vegetables to grow. Animal life was created from the waters and the earth. God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, the fruit tree yielding fruit, whose seed is in itself upon the earth, and it was so," Gen. 1:11. This was the creation of vegetable life. Then God said, "Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creatures that hath life, and fowl that they may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth,

which the waters brought forth abundantly," Gen. 1:20, 21. Then He said in the 24th verse of the same chapter, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind, and it was so."

The creation of the earth and the material things that we see are beyond the comprehension of man. After God created all the raw materials of the earth and has given man thousands of years to experiment, man's ideas and inventions are far from being perfect. Man cannot understand how God stepped out into space, if there were any space, and with nothing treated the soil, the rocks, and minerals that make up the earth. But we cannot deny the fact just because we don't understand how He did it.

That which is more incomprehensible to me than the construction of the earth, is the laws that govern the creation. It is one thing to make a machine and still another thing to operate it. The operation of the creation necessitated the creation of laws and powers to operate the creation.

Two Laws

To operate the creation there was a necessity of two laws: 1. The law of gravitation. 2. The law of nature.

A law is a compelling power or force. The law of gravitation was necessary to rule the earth and planets. The law of nature was necessary to govern and keep in existence both vegetable and animal

life. The law of gravitation is that force that draws all bodies in the universe toward one another. Without it the earth, with all the planets, would disorganize and collide and the creation would be wrecked. But God enacted laws to control the earth, sun, moon, stars, and all His creation, and these laws have been in effect from the beginning. There have been no amendments and no repeals. No body of men have ever been able to exact laws to control a body of people or rule a nation without continually amending and repealing. But God in the beginning enacted laws to control His creation without ever necessitating a change.

Law of Nature

The law of nature deals with the two kinds of life—animal life and vegetable life. Life, either animal or vegetable, is indeed a great and interesting study for man. Generation after generation of man has passed. All have studied life and made records of their discoveries, each generation always profiting by the findings of the last. But in all the research and discoveries of modern science, we are still learning about life. Oh how fallible is man compared with the infallibility of God! All men combined in their research for thousands of years have found out but little of the mysterious things that God figured out and created within six days. And after fallible man has made his discoveries and written his books, often the next generation finds out that he was wrong. Columbus thought he could sail west and reach India. He died believing he had accomplished his task and proven his theory, but he was wrong. Medical science has made false discoveries and practised them for years, to find out they were wrong. Every time there is a war you will hear preachers and other professed Bible scholars predicting, but in a few months their predictions are forgotten and the world moves on according to the laws and plans of God.

The theory of the evolution of man, which means the gradual development of higher forms of life from a lower stage of living matter, is only a theory (and a very faulty one). Personally, I have no theory on the creation of man. I believe the Bible story—that God took the dust of the earth and made a full-grown man, and then took from his side a rib and made a woman. Man is the highest of God's creation. He was given dominion over everything else.

If there were no Bible, no churches, no
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The Rule of Subtraction

D. C. Barnes

Truth remains the same regardless of any additions thereto. Did I say additions? Beg your pardon, sometimes there are subtractions. But whether you add OR subtract, the purpose is to change what you already have. Right?

I AM quite aware of the fact that the whole world has a great many mathematicians of religion. Some are forever trying to add; others are continually applying the rule of subtraction. Those who add I call "fanatics," while the ones that subtract I call "backsliders." But either one shows a lack of the "sense of balance," therefore they are likely to fall from the way.

After all, why do we need to change the answers anyway? Are you dissatisfied with God's solution of our problems? We have a textbook (Bible) which contains the answers to every problem therein. If you will work out your problems according to God's rules, you will never fail to get the right answer.

WHY THE RULE IS APPLIED

Most people are trying to go to heaven *their* way. When it suits them better they leave out certain portions of the Bible. This is why a certain group insists that the book of James be excluded (subtracted) from the New Testament. Why do they advocate such? Simply because the teaching of James tears up their playhouse, that's why.

There is another group which feels the same way about certain *chapters*—the fourteenth of First Corinthians; for example. Holiness-fighters and tongue-despisers would be willing to do nearly anything if they were sure of getting rid of "*them* *thar* tongues."

Now the Church of God would not

for any price tolerate a move of this kind. We believe that James' treatise on "faith and works" and Paul's exposition of the "gifts" were given the same divine approval that all other scripture has been given. Besides, why should one even want to change it, revise it or discard it? I thank God for a church which still trusts in His Word—the Church of God!

There is yet another chapter which is often considered as uninspired; namely, the eleventh of First Corinthians, especially the first part of it. Every imaginable excuse for not accepting it as it reads has been offered, but it still reads the same way and the Church of God still believes it that way. In case some of our own people have not read it for a long time, I will tell you what it is about. It has to do with God's will concerning women having *long hair*.

REASON FOR WRITING

Dear reader, I am not writing this article to display my phraseology but only as a matter of fact. If you will finish reading what I have to say, perhaps you will agree that after a woman has been a member of the Church of God for ten years or more her hair should reach farther than her shoulders. I am against anything that God disapproves. If the Church of God retains her spiritual integrity, we must continue our love for the principles on which she was established. If we are being faced with the "barber-shop" and "beauty-parlor" problem, it is certainly no time to run. Let's either solve it according to the Word of God or acknowledge we are afraid to.

NOTIONS

The most common argument offered against long hair is the one of "custom." That is just a slick way of avoiding an issue when one is afraid to face it. (Perhaps he has to keep quiet on account of his wife.)

Let me tell you something! The eleventh chapter of First Corinthians was not written for the sake of custom. If so, why was it necessary for it to even be mentioned in the letter to this church? When the custom changed, the length of the hair would have automatically changed also. If custom was the only reason, then it was useless for Paul to insert this doctrine into his gospel.

There is also another notion held by some. They say that the loose women of that day wore their hair short, therefore, in order to keep the Christian women from being classified as immoral he advised them not to cut their hair.

Well, is that so? I suppose the "professional streetwalkers" have begun wearing long hair now, eh? No, they still wear it short. All right then, you who want to escape the same classification today had better wear long hair, too. Oh yes, you say it's not that way now. No, and it wasn't that way then, either. Has it ever occurred to you that Paul never mentioned *this* as a reason for women having long hair? Nor the one about custom either? Say, isn't it strange how *some* folks can find *every* reason for a thing except the Bible reasons? Come on and be honest; if these had been reasons would not Paul have said so?

AN ESTABLISHED FACT

Let's settle one thing to begin with. Paul's use of the word "covering" did not mean a hat, but *long hair*. Read 1 Cor. 11:15b, "For her *hair* is given her for a *covering*." What is her covering? A hat? No! Her *hair* is her covering. Fine! That is settled, so let's begin.

REASON I

"But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoreth her head." This verse does not say that on account of the professional streetwalkers, all Christian women should have long hair. Nor did it say that short hair dishonored the custom. It states that if a woman *worships* (prays or prophesies) without *long hair* (uncovered) she dishonors her *head*. It is a *dishonor* for a woman to have short hair.

REASON II

"For if the woman be not covered let her also be shorn: but if it be a *shame* for a woman to be shorn or shaven let her be covered." V. 6. "But preacher, do you really believe that means what it says?" Well, sister, it means what it says or else it doesn't mean anything at all. Yes, it means what it says.

In other words, if a woman is not going to let her hair grow, then she may as well cut it. But if she does, it's a *shame* unto her. Therefore, to avoid the shame and disgrace of having short hair, she should let her hair grow. Not only

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Our Duty to the Church

By R. HUFF

1 Cor. 12:27, "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."

Eph. 5:30-32, "For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church."

THEN when a man is joined to his wife, it becomes his duty to provide the comforts of life to make her happy. In your marriage vow you agree to forsake all others and cleave unto her, and to her alone until it shall please the Almighty to separate you by death. Then if you love your wife, you will forsake all others. If you flirt with other women, you are not true to your wife and have broken your vows.

Paul said, "This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church." When we take membership with the church we become a part of that church and are obligated to keep the teachings of that church.

Responsibility

We, as members of that local church, should feel the responsibility that falls our lot to carry. Then, in order to be a profitable member in that local church, we must be a live wire and have a good Holy Ghost experience and the victory in our souls. I am afraid we have too many dead members in our churches, who are a hindrance to the church instead of a blessing.

Sometimes our natural bodies may become paralyzed and some of the members of our bodies become dead and we have no use of them. This is the same way with the church, some of our members become paralyzed and are unprofitable to the church.

Every member should be a prayerful member. There is so much to pray about in the church. Pray for the lost; pray for those who haven't been filled with the Holy Ghost; pray for the Y.P.E.; pray for the Sunday school work; pray for the sick; pray for the mission work. There are thousands of things to pray about, and there is no use for anyone to fold his hands and say, "No one has hired me." There are thousands, yea millions, looking to the church for help, and because the church is dry and dead they have gone away disappointed. There is a responsibility upon each member of the local church, that I am afraid none of us have awoken to yet.

Ambition

It should be our high ambition to want

our church to prosper and progress that it should be a soul-saving station. There are so many church members who have no interest in the church work; many of these you will notice go to the world for entertainment. If the church members had what they should have, they would not have to go outside the church to find enjoyment. The church has the best thing in the world. Where could we go to find anything better? Peter said, "Thou hast the words of eternal life." If the local church was what it should be, we would have hundreds saved in our revivals instead of a few. Jesus said, "I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me."

It becomes the duty of every member to attend every service as far as possible. You can't be a blessing to the church lying out of service when you could have been there. The member that has lost the desire to be in service is one of those members that has become paralyzed and is in a dangerous condition. "I don't feel like going to church; I don't feel like going to Sunday school." That is just the same thing that is wrong with the arm or the leg when it is paralyzed, it has lost its feeling.

Admonition

The Word of the Lord says, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching"—the coming of the Lord. Also, the dark day of tribulation is hovering near us. "Let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober." "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." You see the sluggard that attends service about once a month or even once a week. He complains about having such a hard time and it seems a burden to him to serve the Lord. This is enough to dishearten the sinner and will never bless the saints. But the members that are prayed up and have the victory with a mountain-top experience will be there every time the door is open for service, and will be like David said, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise."

It becomes our duty to attend Sunday school regularly, but I find that only about one-third of our members attend Sunday school. Every wide-awake church member is also a wide-awake Sunday school worker. If we fail in our Sunday school work, it is because our church members have failed to have the interest they should have. The Church of God Young People's Endeavor has a great opportunity in the church, as this is a department of the church work.

Prayerful Discernment Needed

The appointments of the Y.P.E. should be carefully and prayerfully considered and only those who are live wires appointed. There is a great responsibility upon the officers. It depends on those appointed to make a go of it and to make the Y.P.E. a soul-saving department of the church. We must not lose the vision of the lost. The main thing in all departments of the church is soul-saving.

Just a little more about the Sunday school work and officers. It is their duty to keep a good interest in Sunday school. The Sunday school needs to be spiritual as well as our regular services and in order for it to be spiritual we must have spiritual teachers and a teacher that is appointed over a class, whether it is small or adult, that teacher should be a loyal church member filled with the Holy Ghost and living up to the teachings of the church. If he doesn't live good and keep the teachings of the church, he could not teach others to do something he is not doing himself. It is also the duty of the teacher to increase interest in the class and to build the class by adding new ones. The live wire teacher will never be satisfied to see his class losing interest.

Spiritual Interest

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." It is our duty as church members to have a burning testimony every time we have an opportunity. When you have a testimony burning in your heart and you give it to the church, they catch the same spirit that is burning in your heart, and those who are cold in their experience will be made hungry for the same thing you have. Peter said, "Such as I have give I unto thee." We can only give what we have. There is too much joining the church without being born again. It is like some men being joined to a wife, it doesn't mean much. The man that is joined to a wife and shirks his responsibilities causes the wife to wish a thousand times she had never married him. We, as Church of God members, should keep the teachings 100 per cent.

Workers Needed

Too many members want to shirk their duties and not live right. The more you live like the world, the less power you have with God and the less power and favor the church will have with God and the people because you are a member of the church. Every member should be a whole-hearted supporter of the church in which he or she is a member. When you take membership with the church you obligate yourself to support it with your presence and your finance, and you who have failed to do so have broken your vows. The man who does not support

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Zeal in the Church Program

By ELMER R. WALLER

"But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing," Gal. 4:18.

I THANK GOD because I feel that the Church of God all over the world is zealously affected in a good thing, and that is spreading the gospel. We find in God's Word that where your treasure is there will your heart be also. So if our heart is in the work of the Lord and we are in the Church of God and not just with it, I am sure we will everyone do our best to put the program of the Church over the top this year and by so doing we help to spread the gospel, not only in our own land but also in far-away India, Africa, China and many other places too numerous to mention in this space.

Some of our people have a zeal but not according to knowledge. Then the question arises, Knowledge of what? Being as we are we want to know, first, how to do the thing we set out to do. In other words, "study to shew theyself approved." Too many of us run headlong into a thing without considering both sides of the question. Just suppose you were looking for a job. You come to a sawmill and find out that they need a sawyer. You go up and tell the man who runs the mill you want a job. Naturally the man wants to know what you can do. You know he needs a sawyer. You tell him you never sawed a line in your life but you want the job. Now most men would tell you right there they didn't need you, but for the sake of getting our point to you we will say you obtained the job. You step up to the

position of the sawyer and take hold of the lever. You don't stop to ask anyone how to operate that lever. Your helper rolls a log onto the carriage and dogs it down, then you push the lever towards the saw and the carriage moves up rapidly to the saw. The saw hits the dog (or clamp that holds the logs on the carriage) and immediately the saw buckles and every tooth in the saw is ruined. Perhaps the saw is broken. Now the idea is this, if you had known how to be a sawyer this never would have happened. You should have been content to take a job rolling away the dust from the saw.

So it is in the Church. Let us not be overzealous, but what we find to do, do it with all our might. Eccl. 9:10. If we can't be the sawyer, Lord, just let us be the sawdust boy. Don't let your zeal surpass your knowledge. Keep it on an even keel. The commandments of the Lord are not grievous and neither is the program of the Church, if we have our hearts set in the work of the Lord. Brother, it will be a pleasure to you to know that your church has a program to get up! Get off that stool of do-nothing; it is already loaded down with fellows who don't want to do anything but shout. Get into the work; it will do you good. It is bad enough to sit down, but some are not satisfied with that, they put the brakes on and then let their feet drag. Pick up your feet if you are going to ride, so it won't be so hard on those who are pulling the load. I still say it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing.

shine that men may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." He has left us rules to go by. One command is 1 Cor. 10:31-33; another Col. 3:17. The Word is very plain: "Whether ye eat or drink or *whatsoever* ye do, do all to the glory of God. And *whatsoever* ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus: if ye lack in *one point* ye are guilty of all." Much more can be found, but these are plain facts to be carried out in our lives to *rightly represent* the life of Christ.

How sad many times we find professing Christians indulging in *drinks* that do the body no good and are an offense to some weak one. Many do not glorify God in their eats, many times defiling their bodies, and oh, how sad. Many in word and deed are an offense to those who are looking this way, and many stumble over some careless word or deed. Shall I add one more thought? Are we careful in the way we dress? Do we dress as *becometh* godliness? *Whatsoever* we do, do all to the glory of God. "Can the world see Jesus in me?" is the cry of my heart. Does the world or searchers after the true way, see Jesus in you?

Time is drawing near for *each one* to stand before our *Just Judge* and give an account of our *words and deeds*. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, a light unto my path." Let us walk in the light.

This is only a loving, tender warning. May it find a place in some aching heart and turn sorrow into joy and praise.

Boston Starts Released-Time Plan

BOSTON—Religious training for pupils in the Boston public schools, authorized by the Massachusetts Legislature, was inaugurated in five school districts here. Eventually it will extend throughout the entire system.

By permission of the parents, the children will be dismissed from their classes at stated periods each week, grouped according to faiths, and then conducted to the respective places of worship to receive religious instruction for one hour.

The committee which worked out the arrangements for the plan, already in effect in other parts of the country, comprised Joseph White, representing the Boston school committee; Frederick J. Gillis, assistant superintendent of schools; Mgr. Richard J. Quinlan, supervisor of parochial schools in the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Boston; the Rev. Frank Jennings, executive secretary of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, for the Protestant denomination; F. Arthur Hilton of the Christian Science Church; and Rabbi Herman Rubenovitz, president of the Rabbinical Association of Greater Boston acting for the Jewish group.

How To Win Souls For Christ

CLARA A. MULLIKIN

John 12 (part of 20 and 21st verses), "There were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: The same came therefore to Philip,***** and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus."

Today there are inquiring souls who want to see Jesus. There are many ways, yes, men have mapped out many devices, but Jeremiah cries out down through the ages, "Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the *old paths*, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

Dear longing heart, turn to Matt. 3: 1-3. Read on through to the 17th verse. John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

In another place He said, "Search the scriptures; these are they that testify of me."

In Acts 17:11 we find that some were nobler than others, in that they received the Word with all *readiness* of mind and searched the Scriptures *daily*. Whether those things were so—the Bible is our chart from earth to glory. The life of Christ therein is our pattern.

The mother of Jesus said to those men at the marriage supper, "What he tells you to do, do it." John 2:5. "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." To obey is life. To disobey is sin. Jesus left this world and we, His followers, are to occupy until He returns. He was the light of the world. Now we, His followers, are the light. He says, "Let your light so



Foreign Missions



NEWS FROM INDIA

Revival Amongst Children at Headquarters

By Bertha N. Cook

BROTHER MAMMEN, the assistant pastor at headquarters, and also a supply Sunday school teacher, has been especially burdened for the boys and girls of the Sunday school here recently. Our Sunday school starts at 7:30 a. m. and on the morning of August 16, he felt impressed to have a meeting instead of the regular classes. The other teachers agreed that this would be good, so he gave a message to the children. When he made an appeal for those who wished to give their hearts to the Lord or come back to Him, over thirty responded and testified, ten of the number being those who confessed Christ for the first time. The children showed signs of true repentance, testifying with tears.

In the morning service which followed, it was touching to hear the testimonies of eleven of these children, who did so of their own accord. The first one to come to the front and stand back of the table, as the men do when they testify here, was Daniel, the oldest boy in our orphanage. We have written you about his mother Mary, who came to us with her five children, after her husband deserted her because she was baptized in water. Daniel stood there with tears, testifying to salvation and one could tell that a change had come to him.

Most of those who testified are children of our church members. One is a small boy of five years, whose father was brought up in our Sunday school, but he is now with the Lord. This little fatherless boy, even though so young, showed that a real change has come to his heart. That night was our "watch night" service for it was the last day of the Malayalam old year. When this boy heard the singing as the service started, he said that he must go. "Do not go yet, but wait till your supper is ready," he was told; but he was so anxious to go that he went without his supper. He sat taking in the service for a long time, till sleep finally overcame him.

The testimony of another boy, named Vereghese, showed earnestness. He is the son of Syrian Christians who lived near us for some time. His mother, who used to enjoy our meetings, has passed away. Though the children now live at a little

distance from here, the two older boys still come to Sunday school. He showed true repentance, pounding the table with his fist, as he said, "I have given my heart to the Lord." Then again pounding the table, he said, "I know if the Lord comes, that He will not leave me behind." He is not over ten years of age. He has been a mischievous boy in Sunday school and once when reproved for hitting another boy, he was defiant, so he was told to stay away from Sunday school. However, the following Sunday, he came asking for forgiveness, and has been coming since.

Another small boy named George testified but his testimony on Sunday, the 23rd of August, was better than the first one I heard. He had a large New Testament with Psalms in his hands, holding his finger at the place he wanted to read. I could see that he was anxious to testify for he edged up nearer the front, and when another would get up to testify, he would look around disappointed. Finally he stepped up to the front just as an elderly woman arose to testify. He walked up behind the table, opened up his book to the place he was to read from and laid it on the table. He was not much higher than the table; then he stood waiting till the sister had finished her testimony when he brokenly testified to salvation and also to three answers to prayer which he had had. 1. For his father's release when he had been wrongfully accused in a case. 2. For the healing of his brother who had been at death's door with typhoid fever. 3. For a pair of knickers. With the book just a little lower than his eyes, he read a portion from the Psalms.

Our Little Samuel Goes To Be With Jesus

Samuel was Daniel's younger brother of about five years. The three younger children of this family were not strong when they came to us, for they got their living largely by begging. Most of the children have lately had whooping cough here and that has pulled them down. Little Samuel was small for his age, being no taller than his younger brother of about two and a half years, and he has been at death's door more than once since coming here. This time when he had digestive disorders and bloated body, prayer was offered for him as before, and we were surprised to have him taken so soon. It seemed that his time had come and Jesus wanted him with Him.

Not long before he passed away, he looked to one side, and pointing that way,

said to his mother, "Let us go. They are waiting for us." He must have seen angels waiting to take him into the presence of Jesus and we know that he is happy now.

Those who have helped care for him say what a good obedient child he was—the best of our group of ten children here. He would at once obey what he was told to do. He would continue in prayer even though some disturbance came; with his little hands folded together, on his knees before God, he would pray for different ones by name.

He passed away on Friday evening, the 21st of August, and early the next morning a carpenter came to make a small box just large enough for his small body; a mat was folded in the bottom of the box and he was laid to rest in it. Mr. Cook remarked that he looked like a little angel. After prayer in his room, the box was carried on the shoulders of two of our Bible School students to our cemetery to be interred and await the resurrection morning.

The Sunday after his death, Daniel again testified in the meeting, all broken up, but said, "I told my mother not to sorrow, for Samuel is in the arms of Jesus." The mother also testified through her tears, "The Lord has given and the Lord has taken away."

Revival at Papanasum—Tamil Field

In 1941 the new church at Papanasum was dedicated and two of our workers who have been in Bible school here—a brother and sister—have been working there. Brother Matthew has felt burdened because so few in the church have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit but his heart has been made to rejoice now. He began by praying with a young man who had also been in our Bible school for a time but left to continue his college course. As they prayed together, this young man named Selva Raj received the Holy Spirit.

Later word came to us that three more had received the Holy Spirit and now in a letter from one of the members word comes that within twenty days ten in all have received the Spirit. I quote from this letter:

"Within twenty days ten of our believers were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Others are anxiously waiting to be filled. We are having daily carrying meet-

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Ministerial Assn. at Bible Training School



One of the leading clubs at B. T. S. is the Ministerial Association. The purpose of the organization is to give those studying for the ministry an opportunity to develop. The club meets every two weeks and at each meeting different ministers preach a short sermon. The members not only have a chance to preach but also to hear good sermons. Besides being helpful, the hour is very enjoyable. The presence of the Lord is always felt and it is one of the most spiritual organizations at B. T. S.

The officers of the club are: Paul Shoemaker, president; Robert Boyle, vice-president; Robert Humbertson, secretary; and Lucille Settle, treasurer.

The following articles are written by members of this club:

A Training Camp for Soldiers of the Cross

The seventh week of a most glorious term of school is over. This is my third term in Bible School and I'm enjoying it more than any other. It is wonderful to enjoy the Christian fellowship here.

What is our purpose for being here? It is to prepare ourselves to be good soldiers of the cross. Uncle Sam is training thousands of young men and women for the purpose of defending our nation and overcoming those forces which are trying to conquer us in the present world crisis. If Uncle Sam requires all of his soldiers to be well trained before they can go on the battlefield against the enemy, then certainly, we, as soldiers of the cross, need to be well trained to fight sin and the forces of the devil which confront us on every hand.

Let us consider the cause for which we are training and fighting. It is not the cause of some nation, some man of the world, or some earthly kingdom; but it is the cause for which Jesus gave His life and shed His blood. It is the cause for which thousands have given their lives. That cause is to point sinners to the Lamb of God whereby they might believe in Him and be redeemed by His shed blood.

As a training camp for soldiers of the cross of Calvary there is no better place than the Church of God Bible School. May God help us all to be better soldiers of the cross.—Paul Shoemaker, president of Ministerial Association.

How God Has Dealt With My Soul

I well remember when I reached my twentieth birthday in December, 1939. I had never set foot in a church building. God knows that I had many opportunities to go to church, but because of total ignorance of the Bible and everything therein I was satisfied to go my way.

I can look back now and see how God was working in my heart. I had worked hard ever since I was sixteen and had never sunk into sin to the depths that other boys had. I had never gone to dances or parties as other young people. But there was something beginning to trouble me. On Sundays I would pace the floor. I began to crave excitement. As I look back now I can see myself at the crossroads. Through my stubbornness Satan was leading me to the road of destruction.

Then, one Sunday in February my brother-in-law and sister coaxed me until I agreed to go to church. Praise God, it was the Church of God and not some

dried-up church trying to hold on to God and the world at the same time. The message of truth brought conviction to my heart.

Two Sundays later I marched forward and took my stand for Jesus. During those few weeks God wondrously saved six of our family. Praise His holy name, He filled me with heaven's sweet Holy Ghost and called me to labor in the heart of India. I am here in Bible School endeavoring to qualify myself and to seek a closer walk with Him.

I had never read a word in the Bible until after my conversion; I never knew the story of Jesus and His love, nor how He shed His precious blood on Calvary's cross. My prayer is, "Lord Jesus, help me to see more clearly those poor souls in the heathen lands that are in such pitiful conditions. Help me, Lord, to do my part and give myself that they may be freed."

Thank God for B. T. S. where we may consecrate ourselves and live in the shadow of the cross.—Robert C. Boyle, vice-president.

My Testimony

I'm so glad that nine months ago the Lord sent down old time conviction upon my soul. I'll never forget the time or place that I found the Lord. My mother had been pleading with me to go along with her to a revival at the Church of God; but, as other sinners, I always had an excuse. However, one Sunday my mother came to my room and asked me, with tears rolling down her cheeks, if I would go along with her to church that night. To satisfy her I consented to go.

I was almost too proud to go to this humble little church because I had always gone to a beautiful big church. It hurt my pride to go to this church. That night I sat in the back. The holiness people rather frightened me because I had never been to a Church of God service before.

They began their song service. I'll never forget the first song they sang. It was, "Are You Washed in the Blood?" It seemed that every one in the church was asking me the question, "Are you washed in the blood?" Just about that time conviction struck my soul and tears began to flow down my cheeks. I couldn't sing that song because I wasn't "washed in the blood." When the altar call was given I was under such conviction I found my way to the altar and was wondrously saved. A week later I was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I thank the Lord because I now can sing

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Requests For Prayer

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take them to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they must be signed.

Pray For

Me to be healed of a cancer on the side of my nose.—Mrs. M. J. Hughes, c/o J. R. Bell, Geneva, Ala.

My head to be completely healed.—Mrs. Elsie Drawdy, Rt. 4, Box 262, Charleston, S. C.

Me to be healed of severe stomach trouble.—Mrs. Ellen Lane, Iron City, Ga.

My baby to be healed of risings in his head and ears and of ulcers which are breaking out on him.—Mrs. Laura Yancey, 519 Plaza St., West Helena, Ark.

God to undertake and deliver a man of an impending death sentence. Please pray earnestly, he is some mother's son.—Mrs. Dullie Hensley, Old Fort, N. C.

God to heal my body of T.B.—Miss Addie Williamson, Rt. 3, Box 61, Scottsboro, Ala.

God to heal my body; unspoken request.—Sister J. F. Hatter, Bessemer, Ala.

Me to be healed of asthma; God to undertake for a neighbor.—Mrs. W. J. Permenter, Blytheville, Ark.

Sisters Alif Reynolds and Emmie Crews to be healed.—Mrs. Ida Gainey, Moniac, Ga.

The healing of my baby of a cancer; my baby to be healed of pink eyes.—Mrs. Nayon Smith, Homerville, Ga.

The healing of my body of high blood pressure and kidney trouble.—Mrs. Adell Land, Rt. 2, Box 27, Mayo, Fla.

God to undertake for my husband; me.—Mrs. Hubert E. Waldup, Box 206, Loxley, Ala.

A dear girl, Margie Green, to be healed of T.B., she is in a serious condition; my little boy's sore arm to be healed.—Ida Mae Brown, 106 N. Warren St., McMinnville, Tenn.

The healing of my body.—Laura Siford, 207 Elm St., Johnson City, Tenn.

The healing of my body, I have been sick seven months. When I took sick my nerves went down, my heart would almost stop, my liver was enlarged, my stomach ulcerated. Since being sick I have been saved and sanctified and I desire the Holy Ghost. I need encouragement. I am only twenty-one years of age.—Luther Wakefield, Rt. 3, Tellico Plains, Tenn.

My brother to be healed of what we think is a cancer in his mouth. Unless God undertakes he can't be here long. He is deaf and dumb and is looking to God. His address is Charlie Charles, Rt. 1, Leoma, Tenn.—Genie Holland, Rt. 2, West Point, Miss.

Me to be healed of something like typhoid fever.—Sister Ada Tally, Rt. 1, Box 258, Oak Grove, La.

My father whose health is bad to be healed, also that he be saved. I fear he is losing his mind.—Mrs. Wesley Bonine, Nettleton, Ark.

Me to be healed of an ulcer on my bladder, also throat trouble; my husband to be healed of high blood pressure and stomach trouble.—Mrs. Elizabeth Basinger, Rt. 1, Warrior, Ala.

The healing of my body, the battle is so hard as I am where I can't go to church.—A true sister in Christ, Fitzgerald, Ga.

The Lord to completely heal my baby's body; my sister-in-law's baby to be healed.—Mrs. Lansing Cook, Davin, W. Va.

My daughter, Mrs. Audrey Walls, to be healed of heart trouble and other ailments.—Mrs. J. M. Cook, Davin, W. Va.

Sister Mallory, Ft. Worth, Tex., to be healed of high blood pressure and heart trouble.

God to heal my body and undertake for me, He understands my circumstances.—J. P. Gilbert, Rt. 5, Sparta, Tenn.

My little girl to be healed.—Rev. W. I. Head, Box 207, Marion, Va.

Me to be healed of a tumor; unspoken request.—Mrs. Anna Donner, 124 N. Pine St., Pratt, Kans.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure and several other troubles.—Mrs. Crit Morgan, Hoskinston, Ky.

The healing of my mother's body; me to be healed.—Mrs. Beatrice Pierce, Rt. 3, Jayess, Miss.

My brother to be healed of fits.—Mrs. Rosetta Pierce, c/o Veneer Co., Leakesville, Miss.

My mother and me to be healed, we are suffering terribly.—Mrs. Sallie Kelley, Rt. 1, Walhalla, S. C.

The healing of my side; my husband's head to be healed; God to save and heal my mother, she is in a serious condition.—Mrs. Shelby Robinson, Jeff, Ky.

God to undertake for us. Our brother has been killed recently in Hawaii. We had not seen him in four years and as far as we know he was unsaved. It seems it is more than we can bear. Pray especially for my mother.—Mrs. Faye Douglas, Rt. 1, Jacksonville, Ga.

A cousin to be healed, she has undergone three operations in the past six weeks and is still very sick.—Mrs. Webster Duncan, Baywood, La.

My mother who is in the hospital to be healed, the place where she was operated on will not heal.—Mrs. Merle Auten, Adrian, Mich.

My mother, Alice Kinsey, who is in a serious condition to be healed, the doctor says she has leakage of the heart, also of the brain, and her mind is so bad. She has been a faithful member of the Church of God at Berryton, Ga., for many years.—Lizzie Alexander, 716 Woodland Ave., North Chattanooga, Tenn.

My sister, Mrs. Helga Myhres, Deaconess Hospital, Northwood, N. Dak., to be healed. She has been an invalid around fifteen years and now seems to be failing fast, cannot even turn in bed. Pray that she will be saved.—Mrs. C. H. Stenson, Willow City, N. Dak.

Dear Evangel Readers, I am fifteen miles from Plant City, Fla., and twenty miles from Tampa. I would be glad to have any of the church folk to come pray with me. This seems to be a needy place. I desire your prayers.—Mrs. J. R. Langston, Rt. 1, Valrico, Fla.

The healing of my foot.—A. L. Brown, Box 164, Chesnee, S. C.

OBITUARIES

ATKINSON

Dorothy Atkinson, a devoted and loyal member of the Church of God at Tarpon Springs, Fla., departed this life Oct. 23, 1942; age sixteen years.—Edgar Sapp, Sunday school superintendent, Tarpon Springs, Fla.

SCARBOROUGH

Brother J. M. Scarborough, a member of the Providence Church of God, Byington, Tenn., departed this life Sept. 8, 1942; age sixty-three years old. He

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REPORTS

Another Mission Opened

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—We are glad to report another Church of God mission opened up in this great city where there are many good people, yet there are thousands who are steeped in sin and so many have never heard about the great Church of God which we appreciate so much.

Our mission is centrally located, at 3977 Delmar Blvd. It is easily found and reached by bus or car. We have a nice little hall with the name, Church of God, printed in large boldface letters, also our name and address and the order of the services throughout the week. We are also publishing a church bulletin and scatter them through the community.

Our attendance started off fine and has been increasing steadily. It has been going only four weeks. We had thirty-five in Sunday school last Sunday and a number of new ones have promised to come next Sunday. There is also a great interest shown in our regular services, a number giving their hands for prayer in nearly every service.

As there are many Church of God folks and friends of the Church coming into the city from the rural districts and other states, we take this means of announcing our services and inviting you to come and worship with us and enjoy an old time holiness meeting. We are expecting to start a revival soon. Pray much for our success. We hope to have some more interesting reports from this work soon.

To those coming from out of town, our residence number in 3825 Delmar Blvd., phone number Franklin 3586. We will be glad to help you get located and also assist you in finding employment.—John O. Yates.

Proud of the Church of God at Baxter

BAXTER, Tenn.—Dear Brothers and Sisters everywhere, God bless you. I thank God for saving my soul, sanctifying me through His precious blood and ask that you pray for me that I will receive the Holy Ghost.

I am so proud of the work in Baxter. About three or four years ago there were just two members here—Brother and Sister Maynard. The Lord sent Sister Annie Kilgore to Silver Point to pastor and she moved to Baxter. We began to have prayer services in one home and another. The Lord began to work. Some said it would soon blow over, and thank the Lord it blew, but it blew all over Baxter and Double Springs and we have a church set in order with twenty mem-

bers and our lot paid for. We are going to build, if the Lord tarries.

We still ask God's help and blessing on this little place. We have wonderful times. I am glad I found this way. All I want is more of it. Pray for me and my family. I have two boys out in sin; pray that God will undertake and save them before it is too late. Pray for us.—N. C. Lewis.

We Thank God For His Goodness to Us

MARKED TREE, Ark.—We praise the Lord for the way He is blessing us at Marked Tree church. Sunday night, Oct. 4, we had a wonderful service. An offering of \$101.36 was received and \$100.00 was pledged on our church building fund. Also, the tithe mark for that week was over \$111.00, which is the highest mark reached here as yet.

We have a pastor whom we all love and we have pledged our cooperation in every department of the work for the year.

We also had a wonderful ministers' meeting Oct. 5. From 2:30 until 4:40 p.m. business was discussed and attended to. The evening service was enjoyed by all. Brother Paulk, our Second Assistant General Overseer, brought the message, which was pure and inspiring. We thank the Lord for all of His goodness to us and the determination to be faithful.—Nadyne Clouse, Box 85.

We Are Willing To Be Led By the Lord

BAYARD, W. Va.—Dear saints of God, truly I praise the Lord for victory in my soul. I praise Him for sending our good pastor back to us for another year. I praise Him because He still hears and answers prayer. I praise Him because we still have some old-fashioned, Holy-Ghost-filled preachers who are willing to go where the Lord says go, regardless of finance, willing to sacrifice home and position and pastor a little church in a little town. These are the servants the Lord can use to His glory. I praise the Lord that this is the kind He has sent us. A brother said to me before going to the Assembly, "Sister Best, you can't expect to keep a good able preacher here in this little place when tithes are small." But, dear saints, I knew if the Lord had His way we would have our pastor another year. Why? We can expect big things when the Lord is with us, and we are willing to be led by the Lord.

All departments of our church are growing. The sick are being healed, for

which we give God the glory.

We are expecting a great revival in the near future. Please pray for us. We are just a little band of saints up here in the beautiful hills of West Virginia where we see God's great handiwork all about us and feel His presence hovering near. We are expecting great things from the Lord this year, should He tarry, but we see the signs appearing of His coming. Let us be faithful and watch lest He come and find us sleeping.—Mrs. Chas. Best.

REVIVALS

BLAIRSVILLE, Ga.—We have just closed a revival here at Owltown Church of God. It was one among the best meetings we have ever had at Owltown. Brother Fred Woody did the preaching. Some were saved, some sanctified, ten filled with the Holy host, some reclaimed, nine added to the church, and eight baptized in water. Pray for the new converts, that they will go on and do the Lord's will.—Isaac Fortenberry, Rt. 1.

CATLETTSBURG, Ky.—We closed a good revival here September 27. One was saved, one sanctified, one added to the church and some are to be baptized. The church seems to be greatly encouraged. Praise God for the victory that this church has. The folks here have a mind to work and fight with all their might. They are real Church of God folks. I believe Catlettsburg church is coming to the front. The revival was conducted by the writer. Pray much for us.—Roy Dagnan, district overseer.

BESSEMER CITY, N. C.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival here at Bessemer City, Brother Collier doing the preaching. The Lord surely blessed. Five were saved, three sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and five added to the church.

We had a home-coming August 22 and God was with us on that day. We raised \$312.03. We surely thank God for our pastor and leader, Sister W. M. Wineburger. Surely she is called of God.—Claude O. Wellson, Rt. 1, Gastonia, N. C.

GALAX, Va.—We have had the best revival at the Church of God at Cliffview we have had in about nine years. There were about twelve experiences, some being saved, sanctified and several praying through to the Holy Ghost. The revival ran five weeks. Brother D. K. Hinkley preached the first two weeks and Brother Closton Newman, a Pentecostal preacher, continued the revival the other three weeks. The people in the community and other places seemed to enjoy his preaching. The power fell in a wonderful way in this revival—more than I have seen in several years. Ten were baptized in water. Brother Hinkley also preached some very

good messages during the time he preached. Praise the Lord. The revival proved a blessing to the church at Cliffview. I praise the Lord for being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I can feel His presence now. I know He is able to carry me through. Please pray for me that I will be ready when He comes or calls.—Lillie Mooney, Rt. 4.

MAX MEADOWS, Va.—I praise the Lord for our three weeks' revival at Max Meadows. God surely was with us in the old time power of the Holy Ghost in each service. Several prayed through and were blessed. Brother G. H. Booth, our esteemed evangelist, brought the Word of God with power.

To the churches and pastors of Virginia: If you would like for your church to have a Spirit-filled, God-called preacher you will do well to get Brother G. H. Booth. We love him and hope he can come

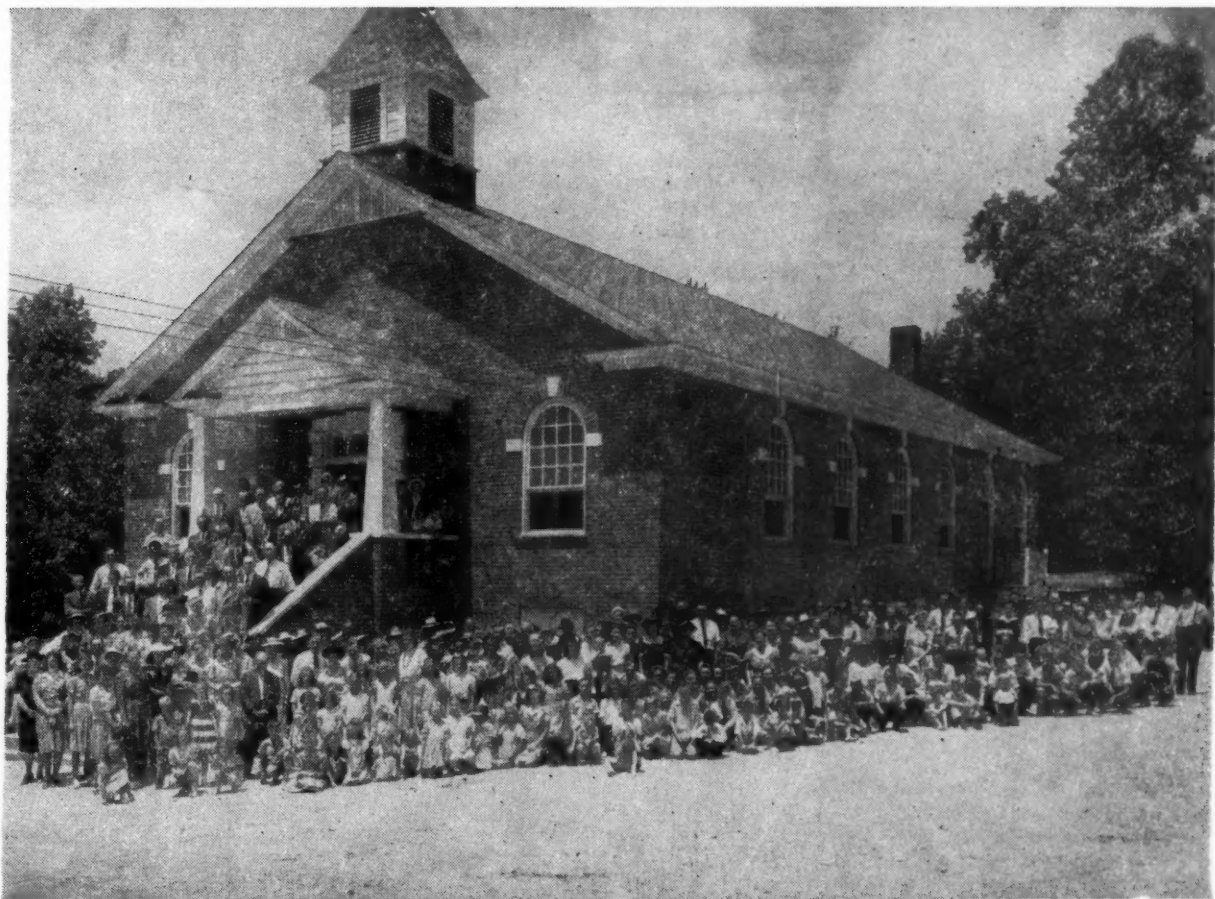
back soon. Please pray for us and our band of saints here.—E. B. Chrisley, Rt. 3, Pulaski, Va.

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 LANGLEY, S. C.—Our revival has come to a close after four weeks and yet we hope to keep this good revival spirit among us. The B.T.S. trio, consisting of Mary Lee Bell, Mahdeen McCoy and Lochie Byrd Whitener, conducted it for us. These girls are good consecrated workers for Christ. They do more than sing; they preach, work around the altar, visit the sick and sing for them, besides they sing daily over the radio and for our regular Sunday morning broadcast. They sang with power, especially the last Friday night of the meeting. Such a sweet spirit of the Lord hovered over us and such conviction seized the sinners until every one was afraid to move lest we disturb or hinder God from working. So inspiring and uplifting was their singing

that we extend them another invitation to return in the near future, should Jesus tarry. The success of the meeting was twenty-eight saved, eleven sanctified, and eight filled with the Holy Ghost. About twenty were in the altar the last night of the service. We feel fortunate in having our pastor, Brother I. L. Benge, contact this trio for us. God surely blessed and we praise His name for all accomplished.—Exelma Holley.

A Note of Praise

WALNUT GROVE, Mich.—God has blessed in a wonderful way. I received the Holy Ghost Thursday night, October 1. Thank God for it. I praise God I can trust in Him until the last breath leaves my body. God is healing our boy's leg. The swelling left it and it is going to get well, by the help of the Lord. He is healing my body too. Thank God! Please pray for me, also my husband.—Mrs. A. E. Thrash.



The church at Slater, S. C., was organized in 1932 with seven members, and we built a small church 30x40. The Church progressed in such a way we had to have a larger building. The mill company gave us property and we now have a \$10,000 building. This building is solid brick, with hardwood floors, and old Roman cathedral pews. Our windows and doors cost \$1,000. We built this church with fifty members. We have it pledged mostly out of debt and by the Lord's help we hope to pay it off this year. God is blessing here both spiritually and financially and giving us favor with the people.—Pastor, Carl Cox; clerk, Edgar Epps.

Our Duty to the Church

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his wife doesn't love her. The member that doesn't help to finance the church doesn't love the church. If you love your brother you will not be satisfied for him to finance the church and you go free. Moses said, "Shall ye sit here while your brethren go to war?"

In speaking of war, that automatically brings on greater responsibilities. Surely we, as the Church of God people, who believe and trust in prayer, would not forget or neglect our precious boys who are in the armed forces warring against the enemy and shedding their blood that we might have freedom of speech, freedom of press, and our liberty to worship God. They are depending on us to take them daily and hourly to God in prayer. I am afraid we are too much concerned about other things. Beloved, do you realize that prayer is the greatest weapon that was ever used in any warfare? The kings and rulers of nations trembled because men prayed. It was said of Queen Mary of Scotland, "I fear the prayers of John Knox more than any army of ten thousand." In the history of the later times, while pleading with God, he said, "Give me Scotland or I die." Whitfield and Wesley abounded in prayer and swayed the multitudes with the gospel. Washington, in the dark days of revolution, found refuge in prayer. Lincoln was on his knees after receiving the news of the capitulation of Lee. Livingstone in darkest Africa, breathed his last while kneeling in the attitude of prayer. These are a few of the many noble examples that cheer us onward in the way of prayer. Surely God will hear the prayers of the church in this time of heartaches and bloodshed and bring our boys safely home and will direct our great leaders and pilot our nation to victory.

Anchor of the Soul

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we may possess "strong consolation." This is the result of our assurance. God does not want His people to be gloomy and discouraged. A sad experience gives a false impression of our religion. It does not bespeak a soul securely anchored in the Lord. That surely is the reason we can not work effectively for God when we are discouraged. God cannot use discouraged souls. It is the joyful experience that commends itself to others. Our assurance is so much greater than the threats of Satan that we can rejoice while the tempests howl. Such consolation means victory before the war is over. Our hope gives us such consolation that with it we may comfort others. "Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of

God" (2 Cor. 1:4).

The world needs just such an anchor, such a hope that gives assurance and consolation. It is practical. Now that war in all its hellish fury has actually come to us, threatening every American and every home, now that any moment Axis bombs may fall on our cities, let us thank God that there are some things Hitler's bombs cannot destroy. They cannot touch nor endanger our hope in God, "which hope we have as an anchor of the soul." We are not blown about by strange winds like a crippled ship at sea, but are secure and comforted.

Ministerial Association at B. T. S.

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with victory in my soul, "Yes, I'm washed in the blood." I am so glad the Lord took all the desires of the world away from me. I thought "old time religion" was just for old folks, but the Lord is for the young as well as the old. The only way to have joy and peace in your soul seven days a week is to be an "old time" Christian.

I know the Lord has called me to preach and I want to always do what He would have me to do. I'm determined to hold out to the end.—Irene Leedy, member of Ministerial Association.

Singing Convention

The singing convention held Sunday afternoon, October 25, at B. T. S., was attended by approximately 200 visitors from Sevierville and the surrounding community. Every singer seemed to be at his best; consequently, the singing was inspiring.

As the band played, the student body marched into the auditorium and took their places in the choir. In the course of the program, choir numbers were directed by Clifford Bridges, Joyce Marlar, Wayne Heil, Claude Phillips, Marie Whitener, Archie Luke, Leona Stiles, Hershel Gibson, Mary Alice Woodward, and Lavant Holcombe.

The following special numbers were rendered:

Solos: Marguerite Deal, George Carver, and Novella Tharp.

Quartets: Melody Girls, Gospel Girls, Victory Quartet, Helen Gleason's quartet.

Trios: Blackwood Trio (visiting), Bridges Trio.

Instrumental: Guitar duet, Hershel and Esel Gibson; Hawaiian and Spanish guitar duet, Esel Gibson and Harold Cato.

Piano solo: Colleen Huff.

Girls' Glee Club: Two numbers.

God brings men into deep waters not to drown them, but to cleanse them.

God in Creation

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preachers, and no Christians, it would be hard for an intelligent man who thought for himself to doubt the existence of God. He might not call Him God, but when he learned that this world was round and that men could live on every side of it, he would have to admit that it was the handiwork of some intelligent force. After studying astronomy and learning of the organization of the planets, he would have to admit that there is a power far in excess of man. Man would not have to read a book; he could watch the sun, moon, and stars, and study the path that they have pursued even during his life, and he would have to say there was and yet is a great creative power existing. When we think of the earth turning and yet the seas are held in their boundaries, it is enough to prove the existence and power of God. Yes, we understand that all that comes about by the law of gravitation, but who created that law or power? The law of gravitation and the law of nature are just a part of the creation. This was all figured out, created, and put into operation by God. Look around you. You can see God in nearly every thing and everywhere. God should be no stranger to man, and He will not be a stranger if we will seek to know Him.

Foreign Missions

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ings in two places. Believers are very, very happy in the Lord and power is falling in our meetings. There is rejoicing, dancing, clapping of hands, speaking in different tongues, prophesying and interpreting. His mighty work in the midst of us is wonderful. Pray more and more that we may get much power and be sanctified for His coming. "In everything ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge," 1 Cor. 1:5.

Religion and the World

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promise with indecency is the greatest crime of our age," which rather puts responsibility up to the law enforcers. He went on to say that weaknesses in law enforcement agencies need to be corrected, tomorrow may be too late.

An astonishing fact in connection with all the comments made on this crime report is that no one mentions the liquor problem in connection with increase in crime. Yet if any fact has been permanently established it is that the use of liquor augments the increase in crime.

The effect of war upon this crime increase is emphasized over and over again, but no one thinks to say that this effect of war might be offset if the liquor traffic was abolished for the duration.

The Rule of Subtraction

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that, but if she *cuts* her hair she might as well *shave* her head, "for that is even all one as if she were *shaven*." V. 5b. How would you sisters like to have a razor applied to the scalp? No? Then let your hair grow and quit fussing about Church of God rules. You might as well shave it off as to cut it off.

REASON III

This reason affords us excellent proof. "For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, for as much as he is the image and glory of God: but *the woman is the glory of the man*." V. 7.

Man should have short hair because he is the glory of God. He was made in His image and likeness, given authority and dominion, and was to be the head of the woman. At the same time he was to be the glory of God by *serving* Him in love and obedience.

But what about the woman? Paul said, "The woman is the glory of the man." If so, her relationship to the man is the same as man's relationship to God. That is, if man becomes the glory of God by loving and obeying God, then the woman becomes the glory of the man by loving and obeying the man. Consequently the woman should have long hair as a sign of love, humility, and obedience to her husband. (Maybe that's why some want it cut.)

To prove that man is to be the authority (not a "boss," however), Paul adds these words: "For the man is not of the woman, but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman, but the woman for the man." V. 8, 9.

Now for the last statement on this point. Any woman who loves her husband as God would have her to love him, is certainly willing to have long hair as a sign of her love and obedience to him.

REASON IV

"For this reason (obedience) ought the woman to have *power* on her head *because of the angels*." V. 10.

Not only does long hair represent obedience to the man, but its meaning is also an *example* to the angels. There was a time when Lucifer led a rebellion against God and many of the angels followed him at the time of this great insurrection. After destroying Lucifer's kingdom, God set about to create another order, the climax of which was man. Then, for man's own welfare he was given a helper, a creature for man, from man, and subordinate to man. According to Paul's statement, the woman was given long hair and is asked not to cut it since she was to be obedient to the man and her hair was to symbolize this act of submission.

All right, does not logic force you to see why a woman should keep long hair? In so doing, the woman (a specie of God's new creation) is setting an example for the angels, who also should love, serve, and be obedient to God as the woman should be to the man.

But preacher, if long hair is a symbol of obedience, then why did Paul call it "*power* on her head"?

That's easy to answer; listen! She should have *power* on her head—why? *Because of the angels*. In other words, the angels will notice the willingness of the woman to obey, and the sign thereof (long hair); this in turn will exert an influence upon the angels and they will be constrained to observe the will of God, therefore, the woman's long hair is "*power* on her head" in that it helps restrain further rebellion among angels.

Angels have rebelled one time, we know; could they not do so again? If one creature of choice can disobey, so can another. At any rate, the reasons for a woman having long hair is far more serious than "violation of custom." You can prove it without having to rely on the practices of the professional street-walkers, too.

REASON V

"Doth not even *nature itself* teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? (It is just as shameful for a man to have long hair as it is for a woman to have short hair, and vice versa.) But if a woman have long hair it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering." VV 14, 15.

All one has to do is to apply the rule of common sense. *Nature* itself teaches one that women should have long hair. I wonder what has happened to nature! Has it quit teaching people anything? No, some have just simply gone contrary to nature; that's what has happened. Someone said, "My pastor has not preached on this subject, and nobody told me what to do." Listen, sister, don't try to beat the devil around the stump. There are more devils than there are stumps. Your pastor does not have to tell you. Nature itself has already told you.

Every argument you hope to bring against long hair is going to judge you that day. If you love the world more than you love God or your husband, then I understand why you would cut your hair. But remember one thing—God is going to require of you a complete record of your life in the day of judgment. This sudden longing for short hair is a serious offense in the sight of God. Regardless of where my chips have fallen I have no apologies to make. Without fear of man or the judgment I offer this article to the Evangel for the benefit of every reader. May God richly bless you in every need.

Orphanage Report

We give below the remainder of the miscellaneous Orphanage Report (other given in Oct. 31 issue) which was handed in late.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Church of God, Meyersdale—1 dress, 1 pr. hose, 3 hdkfs, 1 cap (worn). Church of God, Johnstown—1 quilt, 5 prs. pillowcases.

TENNESSEE

Mrs. J. R. Davis, Jellico—4 dresses, 4 prs. underwear, 3 slips, 1 sweater. Worn: 6 dresses, 1 pr. shoes, 2 suits underwear.

TEXAS

W. M. Carnes, Ladonia—1 quilt top.

VIRGINIA FIRST!

The State of Virginia was first to respond to our appeal in the Evangel for linens. We received a shipment from W. E. Johnson, overseer of Virginia, including 2 bedspreads, 12 sheets, 8 pair pillowcases, 644 washcloths, 7 dresser scarfs, 1 vanity set and 64 bath towels. Thank you, Virginia.

The Home can use a large number of three-quarter spreads and sheets. I am sure that others will be responding in the near future.—Church of God Orphanage.

Obituaries

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was Sunday school superintendent at the time of his death.—Mrs. Henry Crawford, Rt. 1, Byington, Tenn.

THOMAS

Sister Bertie Thomas, a faithful member of the Church of God at Kathleen, Fla., departed this life Sept. 21, 1942; age forty-three years.—Mrs. Roy J. Wetherington, Rt. 3, Lakeland, Fla.

FRAZIER

Willie Jackson Frazier, Ivanhoe, Tex., was born Nov. 15, 1913, and departed this life July 26, 1942. He was injured in a car wreck.—Miss Geneva Griffith, Rt. 2, Hartselle, Ala.

PYATT

Charles Eugene Pyatt, a member of the Church of God Sunday school at Marked Tree, Ark., departed this life Aug. 20, 1941; age thirteen years and four months.—Mrs. Clyde White, Warren, Ark.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks for the kindness of those who administered to our help and need during the illness and death of our dear mother and grandmother. We especially thank Riverside and Hemphill Churches of God for the beautiful floral offerings.—Her son, W. W. Walker; her granddaughter, Millie Standridge, Atlanta, Ga.

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